

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 21, 2024
Date

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB24-171 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 11 insert:
2 "(d) Given the North American wolverine's status as federally
3 threatened, the division of parks and wildlife will be requesting that the
4 United States fish and wildlife service adopt a final rule pursuant to 16
5 U.S.C. sec. 1539(j), which would designate the reintroduced North
6 American wolverine population in Colorado as a nonessential
7 experimental population. Through the final rule, the United States fish
8 and wildlife service would devise management programs and special
9 regulations for the North American wolverine to help relieve landowner
10 and permittee concerns that reintroduction of the North American
11 wolverine in Colorado may result in restrictions on the use of private,
12 tribal, or public land; ensure adequate management flexibility; and
13 minimize the impact of the reintroduction on land use activities, including
14 big game habitat management projects."
- 15 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 16 Page 3, after line 24 insert:
17 "(b) "LIVESTOCK" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
18 33-2-105.8 (5)."
- 19 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.
- 20 Page 3, line 27, strike "SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION," and
21 substitute "SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION,".
- 22 Page 4, line 24, strike "IN THE EVENT THAT THE DIVISION DEVELOPS" and
23 substitute "THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP".

1 Page 5, strike lines 6 through 9 and substitute "WOLVERINE IN THE STATE
2 OCCURS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

3 (I) PREPARE A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 33-2-105.7
4 (2) AND DELIVER THE REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 33-2-105.7
5 (3); AND

6 (II) DEVELOP A COMMUNICATIONS PLAN THAT OUTLINES THE
7 DIVISION'S PLANNED COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROPOSED RELEASES OF THE
8 NORTH AMERICAN WOLVERINE. THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN MUST
9 INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE DIVISION WILL COMMUNICATE WITH
10 STAKEHOLDERS AND BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN GENERAL
11 LOCATIONS OF PROPOSED RELEASES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN
12 WOLVERINE."

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